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## In Brief

### Unlicensed taxi driver fined

A taxi driver from East Northamptonshire has been fined £900 by magistrates, after operating a plated vehicle without the appropriate licence.

Marcus Smith of Rushden had his licence suspended for six months from December 2014 by the Licensing Panel Committee at East Northamptonshire Council (ENC). On 16th March, Mr Smith was seen driving his plated vehicle by ENC's Licensing Officer and was subsequently cautioned, leading to the court case on 4th August.

### Successful weekends for bowling club

A warm sunny weekend attracted many visitors to the Oundle Bowling Club Open Weekend on 1st and 2nd August. More than 15 new members were signed up.

Vice Captain David Walker said: "It was particularly pleasing to see some new junior members taking up the sport."

Visitors were able to watch Oundle winning an interclub match against Corby Grampian Club on the Saturday afternoon.

The following Saturday Oundle beat visiting team, Higham Ferrers Bowling Club.



**A fund to support the development of public facilities throughout the district is now open for the third year.**

The project that was funded through the Community Facilities Fund. £27,000 was given to Ringstead Community Group for park re-development to enable access and improve play equipment. Left, shows the plans and below was taken at the opening



## Community Facilities Fund opens for applications

The Community Facilities Fund (CFF) was set up by East Northamptonshire Council using money it receives from central government as new homes are created in the district. This 'New Homes Bonus' is based on the number of properties added to the Council Tax base each year, including new builds and empty properties being brought back into use. Constituted community

groups including voluntary organisations, charities and schools, as well as town and parish councils can bid for grants of up to £50,000 for capital projects which aim to enhance the local area and benefit the whole community. This could include building and construction work or purchasing large items of equipment. For example, the money might be used to make improvements to

a village hall or community centre, update a museum display or to install a children's play area in a local park.

Councillor Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "As new homes are built, the demand on community facilities often increases, so it makes sense to use some of the money we get from central government to help develop

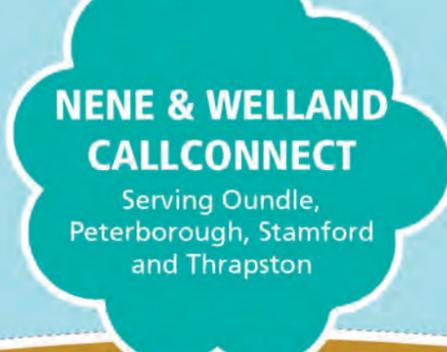
these projects.

"Last year 10 community groups benefitted from this fund, from pocket parks to skateboard parks! Over the next couple of years, we will see new facilities taking shape and hope that all of them will make an important contribution to local people's health and wellbeing.

"Now the third round of funding is open and we're looking forward to seeing what our local communities

bid for."

To download an Expression of Interest form and for details about the process and eligibility, please visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff) You can email [communitydevelopment@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or call 01832 742052 for more information. Expressions of Interest must be submitted by Monday 28th September 2015.



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## Kettering High School Old Girls' Association marks centenary

2013 saw the centenary of the founding of Kettering High School for Girls.

It opened in September 1913 in premises shared with the Boys Grammar School, which had moved from premises in Gold Street to the building in Bowling Green Road, now home to Kettering Council Offices.

Local residents may recall a commemorative flower display bed in the Manor House Gardens and an exhibition in the Manor House Museum.

July 28th 2015 marked the centenary of the inaugural meeting of Kettering High School Old Girls' Club, as it was first known, in the school library, two years after the school opened.

Currently there is a commemorative display

in Kettering Library and it will also be the focus of the archive material display at the annual alumni lunch in October.

We are deeply saddened to report that our chair, Marguerite Stephenson (nee Lindsay, head girl 1957-58), passed away suddenly at the beginning of May. We are indebted to her for her loyalty and commitment to the school and association.

The 2013 centenary encouraged former alumni to join the association and many new artefacts were donated to the archives, which were very gratefully received. Any further

donations will be most welcome. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Althorp House Book 1964-69, or can donate a copy of the whole school photograph for the years 1934, 1942 and 1944 – although these may not have been taken during the WW2 years – 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974 or 1976, we would love to hear from you.

Our website, <http://khsoga.co.uk> is currently being developed. A DVD of the 2013 centenary exhibition and a Powerpoint presentation are available on request.

*Kathleen Haigh (Dawson)*  
1964-71

For further details regarding the DVD or Powerpoint, membership of the association and this year's annual lunch, please contact Barbara Lewis at [barbara.a.lewis@ntlworld.com](mailto:barbara.a.lewis@ntlworld.com) or on 07748 591065.

## Parish Council takes the lead in setting design guidelines

The Parish Council felt it would be helpful to prepare some additional local guidance and direction for the purposes of development management (determining planning applications). It was decided that a VDS would be the most appropriate tool.

In May 2013, the Parish Council formally launched the VDS, with the aim to 'ensure that the unique visual character of our villages remain intact' (Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Parish Council/ Stoke Doyle Village News, May 2013). The local VDS group and Parish Council undertook a range of local consultations and surveys, culminating in the publication of the initial draft of the 'Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement' in April 2015.

The main body of the document is sub-divided into three sections (one section for each of the three villages), each concluding with a local summary of aspirations for that village.

Since 2013 Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Parish Council has led the preparation of a Village Design Statement (VDS) for the three constituent villages that the Parish Council covers.

Finally, the document identifies broader themes and issues common to all three villages. The appendices incorporate Specific Planning Guidelines for each village.

In July 2015 East Northamptonshire Council approved the draft VDS for consultation, with a view to adopting the Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement as a statutory Supplementary

Planning Document. This process effectively enables the Council (as local planning authority) to 'own' the VDS and use it in the day-to-day process of determining planning applications that affect the three villages.

This document is now subject to a statutory six-week consultation, starting Monday 17th August. Please see Public Notices for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact East Northamptonshire Council's Planning Policy and Conservation team by phone 01832 742010 or email [planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Genealogy jottings

Hello again. Last time, I commented on the airfield memorials but it also occurred to me: how often do we read the War Memorials in our towns and villages, which list the names of those brave men – and women – who gave their lives for us in the two World Wars? Many local families lost one or more of their family members in these conflicts.

I was in Madeira recently, where I found the Great War memorial in Funchal. Sadly, there were no names recorded, just 'The Dead of the Great War' (in Portuguese) and the date of 1914-1918. However, in one of the local parks, Parque de Santa Catarina, there is a memorial to those from Gibraltar who lost their lives in Madeira during the Second World War. Just when the Gibraltarians thought that they were safe, being evacuated to Madeira, they too suffered in the conflict.

Have you visited the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website? (<http://www.cwgc.org/>) This covers not just those British soldiers, sailors and airmen who died, but also

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those from Commonwealth countries. Not only that, those civilians are also recorded who died as part of enemy action. You will find details of the person's memorial, where their name is recorded within a War Graves cemetery or burial plot, as well as details of the battles that were fought in which they died. One such memorial is to Patrick Dudgeon, who was captured in Italy whilst on a secret mission and shot by the Germans on 3rd October 1943. Aged just 23 when he died, Patrick had been a pupil in St Anthony's House at Oundle School from 1934 to 1938, where now an award is presented each year in his name.

It goes to show that you never know where a memorial to your ancestor or their siblings might turn up.

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# Pitsford School headmaster sets new cycling record

A 24-hour Time Trial is the longest standard TT race run in the UK. Unlike most Time Trials, the 24-hour is not based on how quickly you can ride a certain distance, but how far you can ride in a certain time.

Having successfully completed the Windsor-Chester-Windsor 600km audax in May, Noel has also qualified for the Paris-Brest-

**Pitsford School's headmaster, Noel Toone from Oundle, cycled 368.33 miles in the National 24 Hour Time Trial (TT) Championship hosted by the Mersey Roads Club on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. Finishing in 40th place, Noel has now set a new club record for Kettering Cycling Club.**

Paris event taking place between Sunday 16th and Thursday 20th August.

First run in 1891, the Paris-Brest-Paris race is the oldest event of its kind and

was the inspiration for the Tour de France. It is now organised every four years as a 1,200km Randonneur event and Noel will be one of over 6,000 cyclists

taking part on this amazing journey. Involving more than 65 different nationalities, cyclists have a maximum of 90 hours to complete the challenge on French roads from Paris to Brest and back.

Cycling enthusiast Mr Toone can regularly be seen cycling the 28 miles to Pitsford School from his home in Oundle. In March this year, he arranged for Pitsford School to become a regional centre for the national charity Charlotte's Tandems.

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Noel Toone, Pitsford School's headmaster, sets new cycling record

# Spotlight on local drumming talent

When he was 12 years old, Liam Toon from Titchmarsh heard the Red Hot Chilli Peppers playing and knew he wanted to be a musician. He decided to go with the drums. The ex-Prince William student had the full support of his family, especially as drumming was also his grandad's passion.

After taking his GCSEs at Prince William, Liam attended the Institute of Contemporary Music in North London where he began to make useful connections within the music industry. He has played at numerous gigs including ones at the O2 Academy, Benicàssim festival, Belladrum and Port Eliot festivals, Brixton Jamm supporting Alabama 3, and he's supported the Kaiser Chiefs at the MK arena. He has also worked out of Sarm studios in Notting Hill where artists such as Blur, Madonna, The Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney have

recorded. Recently Liam, now 20, was drumming at Glastonbury with his band Ballin' Jacks.

"We played the Rocket Lounge and also the Joe Strummer Foundation Stage. It was amazing," said Liam.

He describes his band as a mixture of rock and soul. They have been together for just over a year, but Liam also plays with other bands and songwriters too. So what are his future plans?

"I am currently recording with an exciting new app called Music Jelly where I am recorded in a studio, then when it's presented as a live music app, a hologram will be onstage of me playing with a band. We also have a band photoshoot coming up with David Bailey... we can't wait for that."

Liam hopes to carry on recording new tracks and to keep gigging around London and beyond as this talented drummer draws increasing attention from the music world.

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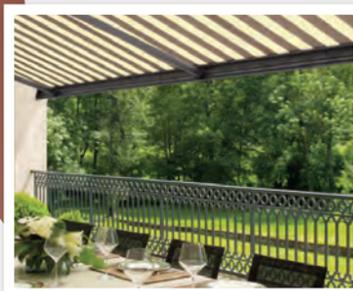
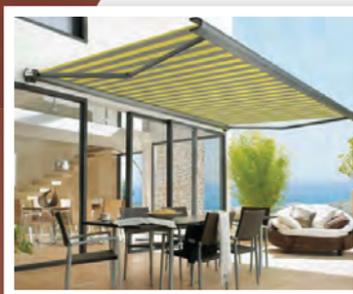
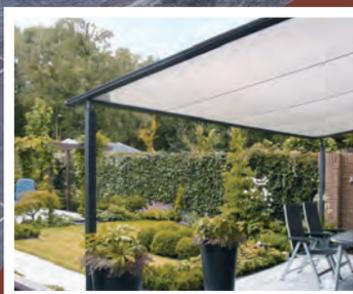
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Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations.

### Ashton

**15/01300/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Erection of summer house on site of old shepherds hut at Chestnut Cottage 14 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
**15/01326/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Change of use of redundant agricultural building and conversion to provide four units of holiday let accommodation at Farm Buildings Adjacent Elmington Top Lodge Ashton Wold Ashton PE8 5LZ

### Barnwell

**15/01366/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** New garage and internal alterations and extension to porch at 1 Church Green Barnwell PE8 5QH

### Clopton

**15/01344/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Erection of two storey dwelling with garage and access alterations at Navisford House 14-15 Main Street Clopton NN14 3DZ

### Collyweston

**15/01341/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Proposed rear ground floor extension, demolition of an existing garage and erection of a new timber framed garage at 63 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PQ  
**15/01406/LBC (05/09/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** To install a defibrillator in a heated cabinet to be mounted on the side wall (Eastern elevation) to the left of the entrance door at 21 High Street Collyweston PE9 3PW

### Duddington With Fineshade

**15/01307/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info) (LB/CA)** Replacing the forward facing pitch of the original garage roof with imitation Collyweston slate (retrospective) at Yew Tree House Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QQ  
**15/01450/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Replace existing back door and side window with double patio doors. The new patio doors are the same dimensions as the existing door/window, so the only structural work required will be to remove the wall beneath the window. There is an existing concrete lintel at 8 Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QG

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/01345/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Replacement of rotten / damaged windows and re-instatement of blocked windows. Installation of heritage rooflights. Demolition of garage and shed at 3 The Lane Easton On The Hill PE9 3LP  
**15/01346/LBC (05/09/2015) (LBRegs)** Alterations to make the dwelling suitable for habitation. Including new kitchen, installation of bathroom, rewiring, heating and boiler installation. Replacement of rotten/damaged windows and re-instatement of blocked windows. Installation of heritage rooflights. Demolition of garage and shed at 3 The Lane Easton On The Hill PE9 3LP

### Great Addington

**15/01402/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Removal of conservatory, removal of brick built garage to Grade II Listed Building. Rear extension. Alterations to fenestrations and addition of roof lights. Alterations to internal wall and fireplaces and associated works. Addition of detached garage at Great Addington House Woodford Road Great Addington NN14 4BS  
**15/01403/LBC (05/09/2015) (LBRegs)** Removal of conservatory, removal of brick built garage to Grade II Listed Building. Rear single storey extension. Alterations to fenestrations and addition of roof lights. Alterations to internal wall and fireplaces and associated works. Addition of detached garage at Great Addington House Woodford Road Great Addington NN14 4BS

### Hargrave

**15/01370/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension at Herdmans Glebe Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BJ

### Higham Ferrers

**15/01323/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Construction of new detached bungalow together with off road parking and associated works at 14 Tenter Close Higham Ferrers NN10 8AF  
**15/01353/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Demolition of hall and ancillary structures to rear of church at The Methodist Church High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DD

### Irthlingborough

**15/01191/FUL (05/09/2015) (Art8)** Development of two buildings to provide an Aldi Food retail store (class A1) and day care centre (Class D1b), new car parking, landscaping, associated servicing and means of access at Nene Business Park Diamond Way Irthlingborough

### 15/01196/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)

Drop kerb at front of property in order to gain access with motor vehicle at 280 Addington Road Irthlingborough NN9 5UT

### Islip

**15/01380/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info) (Art8)** Partial demolition and extension to existing warehouse building and re-siting of 'light frame building' to form standalone warehousing (part retrospective) at Dodson And Horrell Islip Furnace Site Kettering Road Islip NN14 3JW

### Kings Cliffe

**15/01379/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Fitting three roof lights into the roof of a single storey kitchen at the rear of semi-detached house at 50 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

### Laxton

**15/01351/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Creation of a hard surfaced tennis court and surround fencing within the garden at The Old Vicarage Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT

### Little Addington

**15/01442/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Relocation of oil storage tank including new bunded tank at Clover Cottage Top End Church Walk Little Addington NN14 4AY

### Lowick and Slipton

**15/01328/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info) (LB/CA)** Change of use of a strip of allotment land to increase the curtilage of the Village Hall and erection of picket fence to the new boundary. Replace a small area of concrete hardstanding to the rear of the Village Hall with a slabbed patio area and surrounding chippings at Germain Rooms Drayton Road Lowick NN14 3BG

### Nassington

**15/01377/FUL and 15/01378/LBC (05/09/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Demolish existing double garage and shed and construct detached dwelling. Convert part of existing dwelling into a garage and workshop/store for the new dwelling. Relocate existing summer house. Form new vehicle access for existing dwelling with double garage at 35 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

### Oundle

**15/01355/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info) (LB/CA)** Modify and reposition external escape staircase, form first floor door opening onto top landing of staircase and partial realignment of existing timber fence at Bramston House 26 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ  
**15/01356/LBC (05/09/2015) (LBRegs)** Modify and reposition external escape staircase. Form first floor door

opening onto top landing of staircase at Bramston House 26 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ

**15/01419/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Single storey extension to west elevation, installation of sun pipe to roof, porch extension to main front entrance, dormer extension at first floor to north elevation, installation of plain tile wall cladding to east and south elevations, new hipped roof to existing projecting bay window on south elevation, alterations to existing ground floor openings at 28 Clifton Drive Oundle PE8 4EP

**15/01421/LBC (05/09/2015) (LBRegs)** Proposed new conservation roof light at 14 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ  
**15/01430/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Surface water drainage network at Oundle School Blackpot Lane Oundle PE8 4AT  
**15/01465/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Two storey side and rear extensions at 14 St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4NS

### Raunds

**15/01316/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Two storey front extension at 30 Orwell Close Raunds NN9 6SG  
**15/01354/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Widen existing drop kerb at 36 London Road Raunds NN9 6EJ  
**15/01437/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Single storey rear extension for bedroom and en suite shower at 18 Titty Ho Raunds NN9 6DF

### Ringstead

**15/01348/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Demolition of existing attached single garage to side of house and construction of single storey extension to side and front of dwelling at 26 Newell Road Ringstead NN14 4EP

### Rushden

**15/01315/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** New Shiplap cladding to three elevations of public house and full external decorations. New gate to existing fence line and extended external area to the front two windows to have sills lowered to 1300mm high. New balustrade to existing ramp. New bound gravel surface to garden area. New amenity light to the front of the building at The Welcome Inn Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9QU  
**15/01337/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA)** Rear external staircase as access to first floor flat over shop premises at 14 Church Street Rushden NN10 9YT  
**15/01349/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Residential development for one single unit on land at Walmer Close Rushden (renewal of 12/00757/FUL) at open space adjacent to 5 Walmer Close Rushden NN10 0TE  
**15/01357/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** First floor extension above existing garage at Prospect House 2A The Hedges Rushden NN10 6DJ  
**15/01381/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info) (LB/CA)** Conversion of dwelling to four self-contained flats at 2 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0NB  
**15/01399/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** New boundary wall and gates at 299 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 6BB  
**15/01404/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Small extensions to existing Rushden Fire Station to facilitate the relocation of Police Authorities local response unit at Rushden Fire Station Washbrook Road Rushden NN10 6UL

### Stoke Doyle

**15/01318/VAR (29/08/2015) (Info)** Variation of Condition 2 Plot 5 window door and garage layout/ elevation varied. Pursuant to planning permission 13/00966/FUL dated 17/01/2014: Redevelopment comprising conversion of traditional farm building to form four residential units plus one additional new build residential unit and accompanying removal of modern agricultural buildings being repositioning of garage, internal layout

changes and resultant window changes at How Hill Farm Oundle Road Stoke Doyle PE8 5TJ

### Tansor

**15/01246/FUL (05/09/2015) (LB/CA) (Art8) (Info)** Change of use from Agricultural Grain Dryer to Equestrian Centre for training and commercial paddock. Change of use of land from Agricultural to Commercial Paddock, with car parking provision sited on existing concrete hardstanding and proposed horse bar trailer parking adjacent at Tansor Wold Farm Buildings Tansor Wold Road Tansor PE8 6UX

### Thorpe Achurch

**15/01338/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Demolition of existing garage and reconstruction of garage and garden room to join existing dwelling at 13 Main Street Achurch PE8 5SL

### Wakerley

**15/01358/FUL (05/09/2015) (Info)** Alteration to existing fenestration, insertion of windows to existing dwelling and two storey extension to rear at Foxhaven Station House Barrowden Road Wakerley LE15 8PD

### Woodnewton

**15/01289/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Demolition of existing garage, erection of new porch and erection of single and two storey rear extension, demolition of existing shed/barn and erection of three bay barn at Cherrylthorpe Farm 4 Orchard Lane Woodnewton PE8 5EE

### Yarwell

**15/01415/FUL and 15/01416/LBC (05/09/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) (Info)** Proposed erection of detached garage at 83 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR  
**15/01438/FUL (29/08/2015) (Info)** Revised application for a smaller rear extension, internal remodelling to create a straight stair for a stairlift and raising the landing to provide level access to the whole of the first floor at 10 Mill Road Yarwell PE8 6PS

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

**Art8 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.**  
**Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.**  
**LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.**  
**LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.**

**Significant applications**  
All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication)

David Reed  
Head of Planning Services  
Dated 15 August 2015

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.

Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

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Home Smoked Mackerel, Citrus Potato Salad,  
Pickled Cucumber, Homemade Wasabi  
Mayonnaise & Radish £5.50

Chicken Liver Parfait, Marsala Jelly,  
Red Onion Chutney, Toasted Brioche £5

Ham Hock Terrine, Piccalilli, Toasted Ciabatta £6

#### *Main Courses*

Roast 7oz Lamb Rump,  
Mint & Parsley Spelt Risotto, Salsa Verde £15

Whole Grilled Plaice, Cockle & Parsley Beurre Blanc,  
New Potatoes, Mixed Leaves £12

Confit Pork Belly, Crisp Squid, Sautéed New Potatoes,  
Chorizo & Pea Emulsion £14.50

Pan-Fried Sea Bream, Caramelised Cauliflower,  
Dill & Lemon Gnocchi, Gremolata £12

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# Raunds Community Event

**A**dditional tables were quickly set-up in the sunshine when the Enterprise Centre hall overflowed with more than 70 visitors. Everyone relaxed as they tucked into the delicious Strawberry Fayre menu, the grown-ups tested their quizzing skills, and the children their crayoning technique.

The generous donations of local companies Asda, Tesco and Adam's Apple helped towards raising £235 which will be added to the slowly growing pot of money needed to foot the bill for urgent church restoration costs, estimated to be over a million pounds.

The next fundraising event will be a performance by The Maasai Group of warriors, who are attracting appreciative audiences to their concerts as they tour the UK. They will be heading for Raunds on Saturday 17th October at 2.30pm to present a performance of

**Strawberries, cream, homemade scones and a bright sunny day were the perfect ingredients for St Peter's Church, Raunds' latest community event.**

traditional Maasai dancing, singing and acting in St Peter's Church. The organisers thank everyone

for their support and look forward to welcoming you to this, their next entertaining production.



## Your ABC guide to driving safely

**Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.**

- M.** Treat Mini-roundabouts the same as main roundabouts, as they are there to ease traffic congestion. They should not be driven over. Approach a cluster of mini-roundabouts one at a time and treat each one individually.
- N.** Empty Night-time roads make journeys quicker and less stressful; car headlights give early warning of their presence, and the skilled driver can even use other vehicles' headlight beams to work out where the road goes next. **DON'T** be complacent though, speed is more difficult to judge in the dark – especially approach speeds – so you should still take care and adhere to all the driving rules.

- O.** When thinking about Overtaking, consider 1. Is it safe? Allow sufficient time and distance to overtake. 2. Is it necessary? Overtaking to gain a short distance and time leads to stress, possible danger and little or no time saving. 3. Is it lawful? Exceeding the speed limit to overtake is unlawful.



A new course commences on the 20th September. For more information visit [www.corby-advancedmotorists.org](http://www.corby-advancedmotorists.org), Facebook: [@corbyadvanced](https://www.facebook.com/corbyadvancedmotorists) or on Twitter [@corbyadvanced](https://twitter.com/corbyadvanced)

## Have a sizzling BBQ this summer

**I**f you're aiming to round off a sensational summer with a barbecue in the garden or park, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and the Food Standard's Agency (FSA) have served up some advice to help make it a sizzling and safe success.

Cases of food poisoning almost double during the summer, and research shows that the undercooking of raw meat and the contamination of bacteria onto the food we eat are among the main reasons.

So, if you want your barbecue to be remembered for the right reasons, follow the FSA's advice on beating the barbecue bugs:

- Avoid cross-contamination by storing raw meat separately before cooking, and use different utensils, plates and chopping boards for raw and cooked food.
- Don't wash raw chicken or other meat, it just splashes germs.
- Pre-cook meat or poultry in the oven first and then finish it off on the barbecue for flavour.
- Charred doesn't mean cooked! Make sure

that burgers, sausages, chicken and all meats are properly cooked by cutting into the meat and checking that it is steaming hot all the way through, that none of it is pink and that any juices run clear.

- Disposable barbecues take longer so always check that your meat is cooked right through.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said:

"Barbecues are fun, but food poisoning certainly isn't! The FSA have some great tips on how to keep your family and friends safe this summer and throughout the year. Also, whether you buy your meat from the local butchers or supermarket, don't forget to check the food hygiene rating."

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) helps consumers choose where to eat out or shop for food by giving them information about the hygiene standards in food shops (and restaurants/takeaways). ENC works with the FSA to rate food businesses from 0-5. To check ratings, visit [ratings.food.gov.uk](http://ratings.food.gov.uk)

For more food safety tips and news, visit the FSA's website [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk) or follow them on Twitter [www.twitter.com/foodgov](https://twitter.com/foodgov)

## Fundraising appeal for sound and lighting upgrade

**F**ollowing on from Arts Council England's pledge to provide a one-off grant worth £200,000 towards the upgrade of sound and lighting equipment in the main theatre at The Core at Corby Cube, an appeal is underway to raise the remaining funds required for the project to go ahead.

In the five years since opening, The Core has welcomed more than 182,000 audience members and participants to a varied programme of live music, comedy, pantomime, drama, children's theatre and dance events, welcoming acts such as Jimmy Carr, Kevin Bridges, Suggs, Eddi Reader, Chris & Pui, Frantic Assembly and Jim Dale.

To continue to present shows to this high standard, the theatre needs to hire and rent expensive equipment to supplement what it owns. However, the grant from Arts Council England will mean that in future The Core will be more self-sufficient, relying

less on hired equipment – and more able to invest in shows and events.

Arts Council England have pledged to provide 85% of the total cost of purchasing the equipment this summer, which means that the theatre is currently seeking to raise a further £35,000 to reach its target and unlock this significant grant.

Everyone who is able to support this appeal will be acknowledged on a new donors' wall which will be installed at The Core once the project is completed.

People can donate by texting CORE01 £5 TO 70070. Alternatively online donations can be made by visiting [www.justgiving.com/corbycubeatretrust](http://www.justgiving.com/corbycubeatretrust). Customers booking tickets on the phone or in person can also make donations at the same time.

Peter Knott, Area Director, Arts Council England, said: "Investing in the buildings and equipment arts and cultural organisations need

to produce great art and culture in their communities is a crucial part of what the Arts Council does. In the current economic climate it is important for arts venues to be as sustainable as possible, so I'm pleased we are able to support The Core to purchase new equipment to reduce long-term costs and increase opportunities for generating income."

Martin Sutherland, Chief Executive, The Core at Corby Cube, added: "We are lucky enough to have a loyal group of audience members who attend events with us on a regular basis. If every one of them donated just £5 to this appeal we would be well on our way to achieving our fundraising target and accepting the vital grant, worth £200,000, from Arts Council England – which will help us continue to present the events that our audiences value most."

For more information go to [www.thecorecorby.com](http://www.thecorecorby.com).

## New seating commemorates lives lost during two World Wars

**H**igham Ferrers Town Council has had installed two benches by the War Memorial to commemorate those who gave their lives in the World Wars.

The Mayor, Councillor Richard Gell, said: "I am delighted that the Town Council has been able to enhance the tribute to those from Higham Ferrers, who gave their lives in the two World Wars."

Cllr D C Lawson MBE is pictured on the World War One bench, which he funded from his County Councillor Empowerment monies, the other bench being funded by the Town Council. Sandra Mitcham, Town Clerk, said: "Since the benches were installed, residents have been stopping to look and take photos. They have all been very complimentary."

**Saturday 15th August  
Titchmarsh Flower &  
Vegetable Show**

Titchmarsh Church (The Clubroom is unavailable due to refurbishment)  
Entries to Church by 11am to allow time for judging over lunchtime. Show open to the public at 2.30pm  
Admission: Adults 60p, children 30p  
Traditional village horticultural show followed by auction of show produce at 5pm.

**Sunday 16th August  
8 mile Walk at  
Barton Le Clay**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers (for car sharing) 9am  
Tel: Richard Gell 01933 359237  
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

**Whitefriars Church – All  
Age Worship**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Tel: Sharon Clarke 01933 412785  
An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

**Monday 17th August  
Ise & Nene Valley Turners  
– John Johnson  
Woodturning  
Demonstration**

Hertford Road Community Centre, Kettering NN15 6LG  
7pm–9.45pm  
Admission: £5 non-members (Ise & Nene Valley Turners members free)  
Tel: Peter Bond 01933 741835 or Kevin Devine 07738 583249  
Professional Woodturner John Johnson, with over 50 years of experience is sure to impress!

**Next Meeting of Higham  
Ferrers WI**

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers 2.15pm  
Tel: Pat Barber 01933 396647  
Jim Osborne from the toy shop in Rushden will be giving a talk. Visitors welcome.

**Thursday 20th August  
Messy Church Plus**

St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough 2pm–3.30pm  
Tel: Debs Francis 07847308770  
Free fun, crafts, games, cake and cuppa. Come and join the fun, all welcome.

**Friday 21st August  
South African Night**

Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ  
5pm–9pm  
Admission Free  
A fun tasting of South African wines whilst taking part in a sausage taste-off!

**Whitefriars Church,  
Rushden Countryside  
Walk – an evening walk**

In the hamlet of Knotting Green, MK44 1AA, south of

Rushden 7pm  
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
An evening walk of two to three miles in the north Bedfordshire countryside.

**Sunday 23rd August  
Whitefriars Church – All  
Age Worship with Holy  
Communion**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Tel: Sharon Clarke 01933 412785  
An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

**Saturday 29th August  
Baby/Children's Nearly  
New Sale**

The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP  
10am–12noon  
£1, children admitted free  
For a stall (£8) email: Karen\_aves@hotmail.co.uk  
Come and pick up great pre-loved bargains!

**Saturday 29th & Sunday  
30th August  
Bulwick Annual  
Horticultural Show**

Staged in St Nicholas Church and Village Centre  
Saturday 29th August 2pm–5.30pm and Sunday 30th August 12noon–4.30pm  
Admission free  
Further details on 01780 450300  
Teas and stalls in the village centre on both afternoons.

**Artisans Weekend**

Chichele College, Higham Ferrers  
10am–4pm  
Admission free  
Arts & Crafts – exhibition, sale and demonstrations.

**Sunday 30th August  
8.25 mile Walk at  
Ravensthorpe**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers (for car sharing) 9.10am  
Tel: Ian Raby 01933 356049  
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

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**Monday 31st August  
Southwick Hall Open**

Southwick Hall, near Oundle Open 2pm–5pm (last admission 4.30pm)  
Medieval/Elizabethan manor house with family/archive/local life exhibitions.  
Grounds and refreshments.

**Thursdays & Fridays  
throughout August  
Oundle Museum****Exhibition: 'Oundle 1851'**

The Courthouse 11am–4pm  
History of 1851, Chimney Sweeps, the 1950s Steam Engine simulation and a quiz for the children.

**Every Monday  
Headway East Northants  
Craft Club**

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough 1.30pm–3.30pm  
£1 admission  
Tel: Claire Phillips 01933 652311  
E: claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk  
Informal, friendly group making small items for fundraising purposes (knitting/crochet/cards).  
Materials can be provided.

**Titchmarsh Folk Dance  
Club**

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF  
8pm–10pm  
£1 inc tea/coffee  
Tel: Julie Bubbles 01536 726858  
or email bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com  
Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

**Oundle Ladies Running  
Group**

Oundle pool car park 6.45pm  
Tel: Jane Walker 01832 272898  
janewalkercakes@icloud.com  
All levels welcome. Come and give us a try, it's free.

**Wesley Centre  
Art Class**

Irthlingborough Methodist Church  
2pm–4pm Monday  
Tel: 01933 650195  
Experienced teacher, all abilities welcome.

**First Monday of the month  
Oundle Wives**

Methodist Church, Oundle 7.45pm  
Tel: 01832 272178  
£3 for refreshments and raffle. New members very welcome. Friendly, social group.

**Wildlife Trust Little Bugs  
Club**

Irthlingborough Library 1.30pm–3pm  
Free, donations welcome  
Tel: Louise Tuffin 01604 405285  
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org  
A fun monthly session for Under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

**Second Monday of the  
month  
Royal British Legion**

Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting  
Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden 7.15pm  
Annual Fee £15  
Tel: Jake Baker 07525 441267  
Not necessary to have served in the Armed Forces to be a member.

**Every Tuesday  
Coffee Stop**

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road NN10 9TA  
10am–12.30pm  
Tel: Alan Richardson 01933 355302  
A warm welcome awaits all, for a drink, snack and chat.

**Second Tuesday of the  
month  
An Afternoon of Nostalgia  
Dancing to the Sounds of  
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D H Read, Head of Planning Services  
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**PILTON, STAKE DOYLE AND WADENHOE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

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This notice has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 12 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended.

The Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document ("Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe VDS"), was prepared by a locally appointed steering group. The steering group, set up by Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Parish Council in 2013, took forward the preparation of the VDS with an emphasis to "ensure that the unique visual character of our villages remain intact." When adopted, it will supplement relevant development management policies within the East Northamptonshire Local Plan.

On 20 July 2015 the Planning Policy Committee approved the Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe VDS for consultation, incorporating amendments agreed by the Committee.

Under Regulations 12 and 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended, this document is now subject to statutory six weeks consultation. This will take place starting Monday, 17 August 2015 until 4pm on Monday, 28 September 2015. The document can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation)

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Representations on the draft VDS must be received no later than 4pm on Monday, 28 September 2015. Please state the page and paragraph number to which any comment relates. All comments received by the deadline will be considered, and where appropriate, alterations will be made to the draft document. A summary of all comments received and any proposed changes will then be presented back to Planning Policy Committee for consideration and adoption.

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Head of Planning Services  
15 August 2015

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# Chess corner

The more observant of my readers will have noticed the footnote I always place at the end of the article. For those that have fallen asleep by this point then, it details amongst other things the phone number of the Club Secretary. Comparison with previous articles will reveal that this has now changed. The reason for this is that Nik Puryer, our Club Secretary has now been promoted to Chairman, with yours truly taking on the Secretary role.

Nik has been an outstanding custodian of the Club over the last few years, particularly coming to the fore three years ago when the Club was suddenly and with little notice forced to change venues. All the Club's belongings needed to be moved at light speed to prevent them being impounded as assets of the venue. In an amazing feat of organisation, Nik not only managed to rescue all the chess sets, clocks and other RCC property, but also negotiated the use of Rushden Bowls Club, where RCC currently resides. This masterstroke has given us the use of a truly magnificent facility with the members of the Bowling Club being a very welcoming bunch.

Nik has been the backbone of the Club; organising competitions, initiating and maintaining the website, acquiring equipment and looking after the finances. During Nik's tenure we have managed to

progress from having one team in the Silver King League to having two teams in the top division. As well as this, in the coming season we will be fielding a third team in League II. He has now decided to spend more time playing chess and we look forward to his continuing positive contribution in both league and internal competitions. Speaking of internal competitions it's especially satisfying that this year for the first time we've been able to run a ladies' open section. The winner will be presented with an engraved trophy that they get to keep for the year.

Chess players are often portrayed as rather one-directional characters obsessed with the game. This is far from the truth and in a recent article I mentioned Alan Turing and his love of athletics and chess. In these articles I try to portray something of the fun of chess and visitors to RCC could hardly fail to notice the enjoyment in the game exhibited by both Junior and Senior players. Another such player was the Australian born Walter Browne. He represented his country at



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international level, winning the Australian Chess Championship in 1969 and shortly afterwards rising to the rank of Grandmaster. He moved to the USA at an early age and switched to playing for his adopted homeland in 1974, going on to win the US Chess Championship six times with only Bobby Fischer winning it more often. He is reported to have said that "if Bobby Fischer is the God of chess, I'm the Devil".

As well as playing chess Browne was also a professional poker player and took part in the World Series of Poker. He had some success, winning a significant amount of money. It's believed that he made more money from poker than he ever did from chess. On 24th June, after spending a week playing chess and poker in Las Vegas, he died in his sleep at the age of 66.

The Club opens most Mondays from 6pm for Junior players – for details please call 01933 625767, or visit the Club website [rushdenchess.club.com](http://rushdenchess.club.com) and for the NCA (County Association) it's [www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk](http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk).

## Diamonds diary



### Community Owned Football Club & Nene Valley News Join Forces

The new football season kicked off on 8th August with AFC Rushden & Diamonds starting life as a new Step 4 club, competing in the Evo-Stik league after claiming the UCL championship last season.

And that's not the only new journey the Diamonds are embarking on this season: they have teamed up with Nene Valley News as the community owned football club finds a back page home in the local community newspaper.

Over the coming weeks and months we will bring you highs and lows from teams across the club, from the 'Little Diamonds' (under 6s) right through to the over 50s walking football.

This week, in keeping with the firsts theme, we turn our focus on a first for the youth side of the club.

One cold Monday evening in January, AFC's under 12s' coach Dan Richards put on the first of his advertised 'Girls Futsal sessions' at Wollaston school. The four eager attendees who braved that winter's night session have now been rewarded for their pioneering approach; over the past seven months numbers have grown and

competence has improved to the extent that we now looking forward to competing as AFC Rushden & Diamonds Girls U12s in the Northamptonshire Women's & Girl's Football League.

You may think that AFC would be content to have realised their first ever girls' team but they didn't stop there, there was more to come.

If you want to watch your local community owned football club, have a look at the fixtures below or you can find out more at <http://www.afcdiamonds.com/>. You also have a chance to get the stories first hand by popping down to the Dog and Duck in Wellingborough where you may find me.

Mark Cullen – Youth Football,  
AFC Rushden and Diamonds



AFC Rushden & Diamonds Girls U12s



# AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2015/2016 Fixtures

Sat Aug 8th	Petersfield Town	H	Tues Oct 27th	Leighton Town	H	Sat Feb 6th	Ware	H
Tues Aug 11th	St Ives Town	A	Sat Nov 7th	Egham Town	H	Sat Feb 13th	Fleet Town	A
Sat Aug 15th	Ware	A	Sat Nov 14th	Godalming Town	A	Sat Feb 20th	Kings Langley	H
Tues Aug 18th	Aylesbury Utd	H	Weds Nov 18th	Aylesbury United	A	Sat Feb 27th	Potters Bar Town	A
Sat Aug 22nd	Chalfont St Peter	H	Sat Nov 21st	Beaconsfield SYCOB	H	Sat Mar 5th	Barton Rovers	H
Sat Aug 29th	Kings Langley (FAC)	A	Sat Nov 28th	Petersfield Town	A	Sat Mar 12th	Royston Town	A
Mon Aug 31st	Bedford Town	H	Tues Dec 1st	St Ives Town	H	Sat Mar 19th	Uxbridge	H
Sat Sept 5th	North Greenford Utd	A	Sat Dec 5th	Royston Town	H	Sat Mar 26th	Northwood	H
Sat Sept 19th	Aylesbury	H	Sat Dec 12th	Uxbridge	A	Mon Mar 28th	Arlesey Town	A
Sat Sept 26th	Fleet Town	H	Sat Dec 19th	Chalfont St. Peter	A	Sat Apr 2nd	Leighton Town	A
Tues Sept 29th	Kings Langley	A	Sat Dec 26th	Bedford Town	A	Sat Apr 9th	Hanwell Town	H
Sat Oct 3rd	Basford Utd (FAT)	H	Sat Jan 2nd	Arlesey Town	H	Sat Apr 16th	Egham Town	A
Sat Oct 10th	Barton Rovers	A	Sat Jan 9th	Northwood	A	Sat Apr 23rd	Godalming Town	H
Tues Oct 13th	Hlston (RIC)	H	Sat Jan 16th	North Greenford Utd	H			
Sat Oct 17th	Potters Bar Town	H	Sat Jan 23rd	Aylesbury	A			
Sat Oct 24th	Hanwell Town	A	Sat Jan 30th	Beaconsfield SYCOB	A			

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